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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Branch, DPD

SUBJECT : Security Matter pertaining to Col  
[redacted] and Members of the  
Weather Detachment at Edwards AFB.

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1. On Friday, 20 October 1961, I discussed certain aspects of Project IDEALIST with Colonel [redacted] Commander, 4th Weather Group, USAF. He and certain members of his organization had become aware of our [redacted] detachment (4th Weather Squadron Provisional) and had raised the question of that unit contributing weather data to the weather services. None of the individuals concerned are project cleared.

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2. I told [redacted] that the 4th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Provisional) was assigned a classified mission and that its contribution of weather data, if any, would be made through Headquarters Air Weather Service. I also requested that he instruct the personnel of his detachment at Edwards AFB to refrain from any discussion or speculation concerning the mission of the U-2 unit.

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3. [redacted] acknowledged his complete understanding of the classified nature of the unit under discussion and stated that he would not press for further information.

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Chief, Weather Staff, DPD

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